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Lucky Winners for America Recycles Day 2000

The Connecticut Recycles Day Steering Committee announces the following lucky winners of state prizes for our year 2000 celebration. We are especially grateful to our many sponsors, many of whom have supported our recycles day celebration since its' inception.

Adult Prizes	Youth Prizes
Alfred L. Brugnetti, Manchester 2-night stay at Foxwoods & luggage <i>Donated by Foxwoods and the American Plastics Council</i>	Gabby Scafidi, Goodwin School, Storrs Computer <i>Donated by J.C. Penney Catalogue Fullfillment Center</i>
Jeanne Morascini, Columbia \$100 restaurant gift certificate <i>Donated by Mohegan Sun</i>	Courtney Ryan, Poquetanuck School, Preston \$1,000 in lamp recycling services <i>Donated by Northeast Lamp</i>
Tim Wagner, East Hartford Tabletop BBQ Grill and Compost bin & Rain Saver <i>Donated by Steel Recycling Institute and Signature Marketing</i>	Katie Healy, South Elementary School, Windsor Locks Teacher scholarships to Project WET, WILD or PLT <i>Donated by Northeast Utilities</i>
Jerry Kosturko, Shelton \$50 Gift certificate to CT Lighting Center <i>Donated by Northeast Utilities</i>	Jesse Rifkin, Eastbury School, Glastonbury Recycled plastic bench <i>Donated by O'Brien & Sons</i>
Rikie Wassenburg, Storrs Richard R. Perreault, Sr., Waterbury Marek Smolda, Hartford Elizabeth Malicki, North Branford Each won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Wild Oats Community Market <i>Donated by Wild Oats</i>	Casey Noonan, Litchfield Center School, Litchfield Teacher's classroom recycling kit <i>Donated by the Conn. Resources Recovery Authority Visitors Center</i>
Carol Berchtold, Killingworth \$25 Gift Certificate to It's Only Natural Restaurant <i>Donated by It's Only Natural</i>	Michael Dinsmore, Storrs Week at Boy Scout Camp <i>Donated by Boy Scouts of America, Connecticut Rivers Council</i>

The national winners of the recycled "Green Dream Home" and the trip to Disneyworld have not yet been announced. We expect to have this information available for the next Gazette. It will also be available on the national website www.americarecyclesday.org.

We would also like to thank the generous sponsors of our "Rewards for Recycling" program which took place in East Windsor and Torrington. On trash/recycling collection day in these communities, volunteers went ahead of the recycling trucks and gave "gift bags" filled with recycled products to residents who had their bins out and the items properly prepared. A total of 800 bags were given out. These bags were made from

recycled plastic soda bottles and contained a Frisbee, tissues and toilet paper, greeting cards, a can of coke and office supplies. All of the items were made of recycled materials. The following companies generously contributed either product or a cash donation to purchase product: Pitney Bowes, Tetra Pak, Waste Management, Marcal Paper, RBRC, SNET, Coca Cola, Target, Connecticut Soft Drink Association and WalMart of Torrington.

We collected 7,277 pledges in Connecticut, down from last years' total of 8,398. Events were down also, but only slightly, from a high of 157 in 1999 to 146 in 2000. Schools at all levels continued to hold the most Conn. Recycles Day celebrations for a total of 43 events. State agencies (9), not-for-profits (24), municipalities (32), businesses (18), places of worship (10) and regional agencies (10) sponsored the remaining events.

Many events featured collections of recyclables and reuseables. Book swaps/sales have become a very popular way to celebrate ARD not only at schools, but several businesses have found this activity to be very popular with employees. At Northeast Utilities (Berlin) over 1,000 books were brought in for a swap. Pratt-Whitney sponsored a free wood giveaway for employees. They gave out scrap pallets to their employees as part of gigantic tag sale in which participants were asked to donate 10% of their proceeds to United Way. Seven (7) electronics collections were held, sponsored by CRRA and HRRRA, both regional trash authorities. Together, these events collected over 112 tons of obsolete electronics for recycling.



Some of the other events held included poster and sculpture contests. Naugatuck held a paper-recycling contest for schools-the school that collected the most paper received an ice cream party for the students. One very unique event with an international flair was held at Jackie Robinson Middle School in New Haven. This event was sponsored by the American Forest & Paper Association, author Rachel Paulson, Global Kids Care, Solar Youth, Inc. and the New Haven Public Schools Comprehensive Arts Program. Environmental leader Anthony Menash and his children's group from Ghana, Africa visited and performed in full African costume a song and dance to celebrate caring for the earth. The children visiting from Ghana and the local students in the arts program painted a mural with a recycling theme. The completed mural was displayed at the school, and will end up as part of the Environmental Mile. Founded by Joanne Tawfilis, the Environmental Mile is a unique project in which children from all over the world will paint over 440 panels which will become part of a very long mural. The finished product will be presented at a United Nation's Children's Environment conference scheduled for 2002.

If you would like to be a part of the next celebration of Connecticut Recycles Day in 2001, please contact Meg Enkler at (860) 424-3238. The Steering Committee that plans the event is open to anyone who is interested in recycling. Please join us!

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